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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sHB 5050**

#### ***AN ACT IMPROVING COLLEGE COMPLETIONS.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill establishes the “Go Back to Get Ahead” program, administered by the Board of Regents for Higher Education, to encourage individuals who dropped out of a higher education degree program to return and earn a degree. Under the bill, eligible participants may receive, within available resources, up to three free three-credit courses required to complete an associate’s or bachelor’s degree program. Eligible participants must:

1. reside in Connecticut;
2. have previously enrolled in an associate’s or bachelor’s degree program at any public or private college or university and left before completing it;
3. have not attended any college or university for at least 18 months, as of June 30, 2014; and
4. enroll in an associate’s or bachelor’s degree program by September 30, 2016 at a Connecticut State University System institution, a Connecticut community college, or Charter Oak State College.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 4 (03/13/2014)